

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application, the indication that claims 1 and 2 are allowed, and the indication that claims 4-9 and 12-16 embody allowable subject matter. In accordance with the foregoing amendments, and the comments from the Office Action, Applicant submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

Specifically, claim 4 has been amended to place in independent form and, by the admission of the Office Action, is now in condition for allowance. Claim 3 has been amended to add the various features of claims 5-8, which the Office Action indicated to be allowable. In this regard, these independent features have been added to claim 3 by way of a Markush grouping to avoid an excessive number of independent claims. Claims 5-9 have, correspondingly, been cancelled.

Similarly, claim 12 has been amended to place the claim in independent format and, based on the admissions of the Office Action, should be allowed. Claim 10 has been amended to add the individual limitations of allowable claims 13-16. Like claim 3, claim 10 has been amended to add these features in Markush grouping format. Claims 13-16 have, correspondingly, been cancelled.

Finally, to reduce the number of disputed issues, and place this application in condition for immediate allowance, claims 17-19 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

No new issues have been raised by any of the amendments made herein, as all of the amended claim terms were presented and considered in previous claims. Further, and for purposes of clarification, Applicant notes that the term "cutoff frequency," as used in the claims will be properly understood by a person skilled in the art as encompassing a characteristic of the frequency of the lowest high-pass response poles (as such is commonly referred to as a 'cutoff

frequency', 'resonant frequency', 'low-frequency limit', or other equivalent thereof).


Likewise, "speaker enclosure type," as used in the claims will be properly understood by a person skilled in the art as encompassing a speaker's characteristic of the number of poles in the low frequency high-pass frequency response characteristic. In addition to being commonly referred to as "enclosure type", this is also known as "sealed system," "reflex system," "ported system," "2 pole," "4 pole," "2nd order," "4th order," "12dB/octave," "24dB/octave," or equivalent.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all claims are now in proper condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that the Examiner pass this case to issuance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

If there is any deficiency in this fee, or if and additional fees are required, you are hereby authorized to charge any and all such fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,



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